

# Vaccination Acts (Ireland) Amendment Bill.

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Amend the Acts relating to Vaccination in Ireland

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BE it enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. This Act may be cited as the Vaccination Amendment (Ireland) Act, 1879. Short title.

2. This Act shall apply to Ireland only. Extent of Act.

3. The father or mother of every child born in Ireland *after the passing of this Act* shall, within *three months* after the birth of such child, or in the event of the death, illness, absence, or inability of the father and mother, then the person who shall have the care, nurture, or custody of the said child shall, within *three months* after receiving the care, nurture, or custody of such child, take or cause to be taken the said child to the medical officer of the dispensary district in which the said child is resident for the purpose of being vaccinated, unless he shall have been previously vaccinated by some duly qualified medical practitioner, and the vaccination duly certified; and the said medical officer shall and he is hereby required thereupon, or as soon after as it may conveniently and properly be done, to vaccinate the said child: Provided that in the vaccination of children who are inmates of the workhouse or other public or charitable institution the master, matron, or chief officer of the workhouse or other such institution shall take the steps required to be taken under the provisions of this Act by the father or mother of the child, or other person having the care, nurture, or custody thereof. Parents and guardians of children to have such children vaccinated within three months after birth.  
Sect. 1 of 26 & 27 Vict. c. 39.  
29 & 31 Vict. c. 54, s. 15.

4. Upon the same day of the week following the day on which any child has been vaccinated as aforesaid, the father or mother, or other person having the care, nurture, or custody of the said child, shall  
[Bill 90.] Provision for inspection of vaccination.  
Sect. 3 of 26 & 27 Vict. c. 39.

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30 & 31 Vict.  
c. 84, s. 17.

again take or cause to be taken the said child to the medical officer by whom the operation was performed, in order that such medical officer may ascertain by inspection the result of such operation, and, if he see fit, take from such child lymph for the performance of other vaccinations; and in the event of the vaccination being 5 unsuccessful, such parent or other person shall, if the medical officer so direct, cause the child to be forthwith again vaccinated and inspected as on the previous occasion.

Certificate of successful vaccination to be transmitted to the registrar, and duplicate given to the parent.

Sec. 3 of  
25 & 27 Vict.  
c. 52.  
30 & 31 Vict.  
c. 84, s. 31.

5. Upon and immediately after the successful vaccination of any child the medical officer or practitioner who shall have performed 10 the operation shall deliver to the father or mother of the said child, or to the person who shall have the care, nurture, or custody of the said child, a certificate under his hand, according to the form in the first schedule to this Act marked (A.), that the said child has been 15 successfully vaccinated, and shall also transmit a duplicate of the said certificate to the registrar of births and deaths of the district within which the birth was registered; but if such district is not known to the medical officer or practitioner, or if the birth of the child has not been registered, to the registrar within whose district the operation has been performed; and such certificate shall, with- 20 out further proof, be admissible as evidence of the successful vaccination of such child in any information or complaint which shall be brought against the father or mother of the said child, or against the person who shall have had the care, nurture, or custody of such child as aforesaid, for non-compliance with the provisions 25 of this Act: Provided that if the medical officer of any dispensary district is also the registrar of that district, it shall be sufficient for him to sign one certificate, to be delivered to the father or mother or other person as aforesaid, and to register the fact of such vaccination in the manner provided by the Vaccination (Ireland) Acts. 30

Rate of payment for successful cases of vaccination.

Sec. 5 of  
36 & 27 Vict.  
c. 53, repealed.

6. And whereas by the fifth section of the Act of the twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter fifty-two, it is provided that the board of guardians shall pay to the medical officer of each dispensary district, in addition to any salary or allowance payable to him, the sum of one shilling for every 35 person successfully vaccinated by him: Be it enacted, that the said section shall be and is hereby repealed; and the board of guardians shall pay to every such medical officer for every person successfully vaccinated by him within his dispensary district, after the passing of this Act, the sum of *one shilling and sixpence*, 40 provided that the said medical officer shall have made the report to the committee of management, regarding the persons so

successfully vaccinated, which is required by the Act of the session of Parliament held in the twenty-first and twenty-second years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter sixty-four. A.D. 1879.

7. Where the operation of re-vaccinating any person is performed on the application of such person by the medical officer of the dispensary district without charge to such person, the medical officer shall deliver to such person a notice requiring him to attend at the same place on the same day in the following week, in order that he may be inspected, and the result of the operation ascertained, and stating that in default he will be liable as in this section mentioned; and the medical officer, if required, shall deliver to the person re-vaccinated a certificate of the result of the operation of re-vaccination; and if such person fails to comply with such notice, or to permit the medical officer to ascertain the result of the operation, he shall pay for such re-vaccination the sum of *two shillings and sixpence*, which fee shall be a debt due from him to the guardians of the union in which such medical officer acts, and all such fees shall be paid to, and all expenses of the guardians incurred under this section shall be paid out of the fund out of which the expenses of the guardians under the Vaccination (Ireland) Acts are paid.

Payment of fee by re-vaccinated person where not inspected.  
34 & 35 Vict. c. 93. s. 9.  
English Act.

8. Every person who prevents any dispensary medical officer from taking from any child lymph, as provided by section two of this Act, shall be liable, on summary conviction, to pay a penalty not exceeding *twenty shillings*.

Legal proceedings.  
Sect. 10.  
34 & 35 Vict. c. 93. English Act.

- The defendant in any proceedings under the Vaccination (Ireland) Acts may appear by any member of his family, or any other person authorised by him in this behalf.

Sect. 11 of  
34 & 35 Vict. c. 93. English Act.

- Where any parent or other person having the custody of a child fails to produce such child when required so to do by any summons under the said Acts, such parent or other person shall be liable, on summary conviction, to a penalty not exceeding *twenty shillings*.

Sect. 11 of  
34 & 35 Vict. c. 93. English Act.

- Every parent or person having the custody of a child who neglects to take such child or to cause it to be taken to be vaccinated, or after vaccination to be inspected, according to the provisions of the Vaccination (Ireland) Acts, and does not render a reasonable excuse for his neglect, shall be guilty of an offence, and be liable to be proceeded against in a summary manner, and upon conviction shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding *twenty shillings*.

30 & 31 Vict. c. 24. s. 23.

9. Every medical officer, parent, or person, as the case shall require, who shall neglect to transmit any certificate required of him by the provisions of the Vaccination (Ireland) Acts,

Penalty on vaccinator and parent neglecting to transmit certificate, and

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persons signing false certificates.  
 Sect. 21 of  
 40 & 41 Vict.  
 c. 54. English  
 Act.

completely filled up and legibly written, to the registrar within the time specified by the said Acts, and every medical officer who shall refuse to deliver the duplicate to the parent or other person, on request, or who shall refuse to fill up and sign the certificate of successful vaccination, shall be liable to pay upon a summary conviction a penalty not exceeding *twenty shillings*; and every person who shall wilfully sign a false certificate or duplicate under this Act shall be guilty of a misdemeanour, and punishable accordingly.

Notice not to be proved by production of certificate to be defence.  
 34th sect.,  
 30 & 31 Vict.  
 c. 54. English  
 Act.

10. In any prosecution for neglect to procure the vaccination of a child it shall not be necessary in support thereof to prove that the defendant had received notice from the registrar or any other officer of the requirements of the law in this respect; but if the defendant produce any such certificate as herein-before described, or the register of vaccinations kept by the registrar, in which the certificate of successful vaccination of such child shall be duly entered, the same shall be a sufficient defence for him, except in regard to the certificate marked B. in the first schedule to this Act, when the time specified therein for the postponement of the vaccination shall have expired before the time when the information shall have been laid.

Power to grant commissions of peace to direct proceedings, and remuneration of medical officers of dispensary districts.  
 Modification of sect. 13,  
 36 & 37 Vict.  
 c. 54.

11. The guardians of any union in Ireland may direct proceedings to be instituted for the purpose of enforcing obedience to the provisions of the Vaccination (Ireland) Acts. The medical officer of any dispensary district who may be required by the guardians of the union to attend and who shall attend at any such proceedings shall, in addition to his actual expenses, be entitled to receive for his remuneration for such attendance such sum, not exceeding *one guinea* for each day upon which his attendance shall have been required and given, as the court before whom the proceedings are had shall certify; and as to such remuneration and expenses, and all other expenses incurred in the prosecution, if the court is of opinion that they should be allowed, the justice or one of the justices shall ascertain and certify the amount thereof to the guardians of the said union, as set forth in Form C. in the first schedule of this Act, and such amount shall be payable out of the poor rates of the union in which the neglect or default shall have arisen; and such proceedings on account of neglect to have a child vaccinated may be taken at any time during the continuance of the neglect.

Transmission to the medical officer of list of births and deaths.

12. Every registrar of births and deaths for any place, not being the dispensary medical officer of the district, shall, once at least in every month, transmit, by post or otherwise, to each dispensary

medical officer whose district is wholly or partly comprised in such place, a return, certified under the hand of the registrar to be a true return, of all births and of all deaths of infants under twelve months of age, which have, since the date of the last return (or in the case of the first return, since the passing of this Act), been registered by such registrar as having occurred in the district of the dispensary medical officer to whom the return is sent.

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Modification  
of sect. 8 of  
34 & 35 Vict.  
c. 56.

The registrar shall be entitled to a fee of *fivepence* for every birth or death entered in such return; and such fee shall be paid to him out of the same funds, and by the same persons, and in the like manner, as the fees for carrying out the provisions of the Registration of Births and Deaths (Ireland) Act.

The returns under this section shall be made in such form and contain such particulars as may be from time to time prescribed by the Registrar General of Births and Deaths in Ireland, with the approval of the Local Government Board for Ireland; and forms necessary for such purpose shall be supplied by the said Registrar General to every registrar of births and deaths.

13. The term "the Vaccination (Ireland) Acts" shall mean the Act passed in the session of Parliament held in the twenty-first and twenty-second years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter sixty-four, and the Act passed in the session of Parliament held in the twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter fifty-two, and the Act passed in the session of Parliament held in the thirty-first and thirty-second years of the reign of Her present Majesty, chapter eighty-seven, and this Act.

Interpretation.

14. The Acts specified in the second schedule to this Act are hereby repealed, to the extent specified in the third column of that schedule: Provided that this repeal shall not affect the past operation of any enactment hereby repealed, nor anything done or suffered under any enactment hereby repealed; nor any right, interest, obligation, or liability accrued or incurred under any enactment hereby repealed; nor any penalty, forfeiture, or punishment incurred in respect of any offence committed against any enactment hereby repealed; nor any investigation, legal proceeding, or remedy in respect of any such right, interest, obligation, or liability as aforesaid.

Repeal.

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## SCHEDULES referred to by this Act.

## FIRST SCHEDULE.

## FORM (A.)

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the child  
 of of aged in the county 5  
 of has been successfully vaccinated by me.

Dated this day of 18 .

(Signed) A.B.,

Medical officer of the dispensary district  
*(or other medical practitioner, as the case may be).* 10

## FORM (B.)

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am of opinion that  
 the child of of in the county  
 of aged is not now in a fit and proper state to  
 be successfully vaccinated, and I do hereby postpone the vaccination 15  
 until the day of .

(Signed) A.B.,

Medical officer of the dispensary district  
*(or other medical practitioner, as the case may be).*

## FORM (C.)

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To the guardians of the Union.

I one of the justices of the peace presiding at  
 petty sessions at , hereby certify, under the pro-  
 visions of the Vaccination (Ireland) Acts, that the expenses herein  
 set forth have been this day incurred at the prosecution of certain 25  
 persons for an offence against said Acts.

Fee to dispensary medical officer for attending as a witness, £

Expenses of medical officer - - - - £

Other expenses - - - - £

(Signed)

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Justice of the peace.

SECOND SCHEDULE.  

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Session and Chapter.	Title.	Extent of Repeal.
26 & 27 Vict. c. 62.	An Act to further extend and make compulsory the practice of vaccination in Ireland.	Sections one, three, five, and thirteen.



Vaccination Acts  
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To amend the Acts relating to Vaccination in Ireland.

*(Prepared and introduced by  
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Ireland.)*

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